



# Sukmawati's Apology Not To Abort Legal Actions Against Her



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The Chairman of the Indonesian Muslim Law Scholar Community or KSHUMI, Chandra Purna Irawan, has said that every Muslim would, indeed, forgive Sukmawati. He said Thursday (on 5 April), however, that her apology would not automatically abort her allegedly having violated Article 16 of Law No. 40/2008 on hate speech and SARA [the sentiments against tribal affiliation, religion, race and societal groups].

Admitting that the so-called reasons of erasing crime acts were recognized in the science of criminal law, he said that they were meant to forget the mistakes made. They were not meant to abort the actions of violating the law. For example, in the case of when the perpetrator of a crime is clinically insane.

Not only has Chandra implicitly said that Sukmawati is not clinically insane, but he has also stated that Sukmawati's apology is not sincere.

According to him, her apology has been made because of the strong demands of many different people. Besides, she had previously insisted that her poem was a work of art.

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